



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

D-M Airmen help hurricane victims

**NEWORLEANS**—Pararescuemen Senior Airman Kenney Ortega (right), and Tech. Sgt. Miguel Folch, both assigned to the 48th Rescue Squadron, wrap bandages over an arm laceration of a Hurricane Katrina survivor. For more information on how the Air Force is helping Hurricane Katrina victims, see **Page 8**.

Tops In Blue has free show for Tucson Sunday

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Tops In Blue is coming to the Tucson Convention Center Sunday to entertain the Davis-Monthan community during a free concert starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tops In Blue is the Air Force’s premier entertainment around the world showcase for the entire family. It brings the best in music, dance and comedy — all performed by men and women in blue who perform 90 minutes of non-stop live entertainment.

According to members of Tops In Blue, the show is not the only work they do, they spend all day preparing and striking the set.

“The typical day starts around 7 a.m.,” said Staff Sgt. Joshua Umstead, Tops in Blue vocalist. “We then start setting up the show, which usually lasts all the way up to the show. Our shows last one hour and 45 minutes. We then tear down the show, which lasts until about 4 a.m.”

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Desert Lightning community can join in Air Force tradition

By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Dining-In is a strong Air Force tradition. This years’ Dining-In commemorates the 58th anniversary of the Air Force and the traditions that have been built through the years.

The Airmen of D-M will celebrate the history of the Air Force Sept. 23.

“A Dining-In is one opportunity for Air Force members to come together,” said Senior Master Sgt. J.C. Benavides, chair of the event’s planning

committee. “There is no better way to honor the Air Force and our predecessors than by getting together outside of our day-to-day jobs. Being an Airman is more than a job because it entails a commitment to excellence not only in our daily duties, but in our communities, in our lives — basically excellence in all we do.”

The activities and rules of the evening are based on the traditional aspects of Dining-Ins, including rules of the mess, the grog bowl and mess dress for officers. Our enlisted Airmen have

the option of wearing the mess dress or the semiformal uniform.

“The traditions of the grog bowl and rules of the mess make the evening different and fun for all who attend,” said Sergeant Benavides.

The evening will begin with the social hour starting at 6 p.m.

“Social hour is just what its name implies,” said Sergeant Benavides. “Air Force tradition doesn’t follow the ‘casually late’ theory for other social events. We expect attendees to arrive between 5:50 and 6:10 p.m.”

As members arrive at The Mirage Officers’ Club , they will walk through a D-M Honor Guard cordon and be greeted by Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief.

The schedule of events includes the Posting of the Colors, an invocation by the 355th Wing chaplain, formal toasts, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action presentation and a guest speaker.

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The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

| Squadron | Required | Flown   | Annual  | Squadron  | Required | Flown   | Annual  |
|----------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| 41st ECS | 1,466.7  | 1,395.1 | 1,433.0 | 162nd OSB | 1,918.9  | 1,969.9 | 2,135.0 |
| 43rd ECS | 2,026.3  | 1,868.1 | 2,039.4 | 354th FS  | 9,579.2  | 9,428.2 | 9,891.0 |
| 55th RQS | 2,880.0  | 2,658.4 | 2,880.0 | 357th FS  | 8,444.0  | 8,437.0 | 9,064.0 |
| 79th RQS | 1,750.0  | 1,603.7 | 1,780.0 | 358th FS  | 8,418.0  | 8,336.3 | 9,050.0 |

Tops In Blue

Tops in Blue is coming to perform at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall Sunday. Tops in Blue is an all-active-duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers. For more information, contact the D-M Community Center at 228-3500.



# Base housing residents reminded of rules

By Col. Michael Spencer  
355th Wing Commander

Our Airmen and their families deserve an installation built around a high quality of life — making the team more productive and effective in peace and at war. We exhibit our “Excellence in all we do” through the scope of a first impression or, as they say in Mexico, “Premera Vista.” This Premera Vista has permeated throughout the base — entering the installation, our flight line, and our work centers.

I have spent time driving through the housing areas and quite frankly, I am embarrassed by what I see. Many share my concern and frustration of the general appearance of the housing areas. Everyone who accepted the privilege to live on-base did so under contract — a contract to keep their house, yard and surrounding area clean so our children have a safe environment to play, take evening walks and be proud to call their neighborhood home.

The insidious slip of “ownership” within the housing shows that our Premera Vista is not in focus. Many homes have neglected yards, weeds growing in the river rock or gravel, too many boats or trailers parked on the street, cluttered carports, and debris strewn throughout. Such clutter detracts from everyone’s quality of life and increases the risk to our children.

Let’s stop this insidious slip and put forth a heartfelt effort to bring the Premera Vista back into focus. This will require substantial up-front work for some but can be avoided with active and regular upkeep of your homes. To refresh your knowledge of the housing, I’ve included them in this edition of the **Desert Airman**, Page 5. You can also get a copy of the standards through the housing office or in the housing brochure.

The appearance of our housing area is just one piece of our community but a huge part to the quality of life for our Airman and their families. I am proud to be part of the D-M family and I hope you are too.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander’s Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: [355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the Desert Airman. Anonymous calls may not be published.



Photo by: Airman First Class Christina D. Ponte

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander (center), and Airman 1st Class Roxann Frederick, 355th Operations Support Squadron, cut the ribbon officially re-opening the 355th OSS after renovations. Others pictured are (left to right): Senior Master Sgt. J.C. Benavides, 355th OSS, Col. Mark Koechle, 355th Operations Group and Lt. Col. Jackson Fox, 355th OSS.

## Agency numbers

|                                |          |                             |          |
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| Housing Office.....            | 228-3687 | Transportation.....         | 228-3584 |

## Team D-M Mission Spotlight



The 355th Component Maintenance Squadron directs intermediate-level maintenance to include repair and test of propulsion units. Airmen of the 355th CMS troubleshoot and repair avionics, navigation, computer, electronic warfare and photographic equipment. The squadron also calibrates test, measurement and diagnostic equipment and completes maintenance on aircraft accessory systems supporting the seven flying squadrons at D-M.

The commander is Lt. Col. Deborah Meserve.

Airman Orlando Kelly, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, tightens the hub on a C-130 engine. The engine is mounted on a special bracket, which simulates conditions similar to being mounted to the aircraft.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

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# Helping others takes little...

## CFC organization aid natural disasters, home

**By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off this week with images and stories in the media of people in need of services to save their lives.

The American Red Cross is one of the primary agencies responding to those whose lives have been recently affected by Hurricane Katrina. Airmen at Davis-Monthan can contribute to the Red Cross among many other organizations and support those who are in need of help in Tucson or in other parts of the world.

"Reaching outside the fence line is pivotal in our every day lives as warriors of supporting the community and CFC gives us another opportunity to do so," said Capt. DeJon Redd, base coordinator for the 2005 CFC.

The 2005 goal is for D-M Airmen to contribute a total of \$355,000. Additionally, contacting 100 percent of Airmen at

D-M, just as in years past, is a goal this year. In 2004, 30 percent of the Desert Lightning team contributed almost \$400,000 to the campaign.

"It would be surprising if a person could not find the organization that they have close connections to and want to specify their monies to go towards," Captain Redd said.

The contributor brochure lists the names of the organizations in the program and provides a brief explanation of what the organization does to help Airmen find an organization that they want to donate to. Each unit coordinator has brochures for every Airmen in their unit.

The support of the local organizations listed comes very close to home for Airmen at D-M.

"What many do not realize is how these contributions augment the fees that Airmen pay for child care and youth programs," said Captain Redd. "The money I donate today may also come back

to me or to someone I know if we're faced with an emergency tomorrow."

This year's theme, "Every one of us can make a difference," brings about the reality of what even a small donation can provide to those in need.

According to the Arizona Combined Federal Campaign Web site, \$5 a paycheck could provide seven weeks of home delivered meals for one senior or polio vaccinations for 150 children. Training in CPR for 24 people with an infinite amount of additional help provided can be provided with a monthly gift of \$2.

Any donation, no matter its size, makes a difference for the organizations receiving the money and the people receiving the aide, Captain Redd said.

"A little goes a long way," Captain Redd said. "We just ask that people think about giving to others without putting themselves in a hardship."

## Blue

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Though the performance is on the fourth year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the show will remain the same.

Each Tops In Blue show concludes with a special patriotic section that is dedicated to the brave men and women who are fighting for our freedom, said Robert Storck, Air Force Entertainment Operations manager.

Tops in Blue Airmen remain busy throughout the year.

"Tops In Blue does over 120 shows yearly, throughout the United States, Europe, the Pacific, and in deployed areas such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, and Kuwait," Mr. Storck said.

"It is an honor to be part of an organization that brings morale to the troops and the families of people deployed worldwide," said 1st Lt. Ryan Bond, Tops in Blue technical support supervisor. "Many soldiers deployed are able to forget about where they are and just enjoy a piece of America

### Tops In Blue auditions

Members of Tops In Blue are selected at the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest held each year at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The WWTC for the 2006 Tops In Blue team will take place Nov. 6 through 14. Those interested need to send an application and video to Air Force Entertainment to be invited to compete in the WWTC. Tapes and applications are due by Oct. 5. For more information, come to the show Sunday, or visit the Tops In Blue official Web site at [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com).

they may not have seen for quite sometime. This program brings hope and entertainment to the Air Force and the Air Force family and that is one of the greatest combinations one could hope for."

For those who do not want to drive to the event, three busses will be available on a first come, first serve basis at 5:20 p.m. The buses will leave at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Building 4201.

For more information on Tops In Blue, contact the Community Center at 228-3500.

## News Notes

### Power outages Sunday

There will be a scheduled power outage Sunday. The affected facilities are buildings in the 55th Electronic Combat Group area. The following buildings are scheduled: 68, 81, 88, 94, 96, 104, 110, 113, 121, 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 133, 135, 136, 140, 146, 189, 211, 220 and Well number 11 (Buildings 148 and 137). The outage will commence at 6 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Sunday. The outage is required as part of the new 41st and 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron construction project. Any questions can be directed to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron at 228-3171.

### D-M Dining-In Sept. 23

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to celebrate the Air Force's 58th birthday Sept. 23. Airmen interested in going to the Dining-In need to sign up by Sept. 14. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. Mess dress is not required for enlisted personnel. For more information on prices of tickets or to sign up, contact the unit's first sergeant.

### Welcome Home Picnic moves to Sept. 28

Due to weather, the Welcome Home Picnic was rescheduled to Sept. 28. The picnic will be held at the Bama Park and will have free food. The picnic is for Airmen who have deployed since Sept. 2004. Airmen are encouraged to wear the Desert Camouflage Uniform during the picnic. For more information, contact unit's first sergeant.

### Donations for Hurricane Katrina

Individuals interested in donating to survivors of Hurricane Katrina are encouraged to meet organization request for cash rather than items. For more information, contact the Chapel at 228-5411.

### Reserve component transfer

Officers who want to enter the Air Force Reserve will need to first obtain a Reserve commission. This type of request may take as long as three to four months processing time through Department of Defense channels. To transfer to the U.S. Air Force Reserve component, contact Tech. Sgt. Gerald Sutherland, USAF Reserve In-Service recruiter at 228-3468.

### Terrorism history

September 11, 2001, Nineteen al-Qaeda attackers hijacked four civilian aircraft. Both towers of the World Trade Center were destroyed in New York City. The U.S. Defense Department located in the Pentagon was significantly damaged. A fourth aircraft crashed in Pennsylvania. Its suspected target was in Washington, D.C.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Airman 1st Class Logan English, AADD scheduler, at 228-6674.

Call AADD at

**850-2233**

Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. For more information regarding AADD, see the Web site <https://aadd> on the D-M intranet.



# Hispanic Heritage month celebrates history through Oct. 15

By Senior Airman  
Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Hispanic Heritage Month begins Thursday and runs through Oct. 15 with a Latino Luncheon at the Mirage Officers' Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"These dates are selected in order to encompass several important dates," said 1st Lt. Lucien Fuertes, Hispanic Heritage committee public coordinator and marketing.

September 15, which marks Independence Day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; September 16, Mexican Independence Day and El Dia de la Raza, which is celebrated October 12, are all important dates, Lieutenant Fuertes said. "The purpose of the month is to celebrate and encourage Hispanic awareness through the heritage of the past and the promise of the future."

Events scheduled to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month include: Kick-off luncheon at the Mirage Officers' Club, a reading program at both

## Hispanic Heritage month schedule of events

The following are scheduled events for the annual celebration and commemoration of Hispanic Culture Month from Thursday to Oct. 15:

### Kick-off Sabor Latino luncheon

Thursday, Mirage Officers' Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m

### Reading Program: "Vamos a leer!, Let's Read!"

Children at the Child Development Centers will have story times from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on the following dates:

Sept. 19: Dorothy H. Finley Child Development Center  
Sept. 23: Davis-Monthan Child Development Center  
Sept. 28: Dorothy Finley CDC

Sept. 30: Davis-Monthan CDC  
Oct. 5: Dorothy Finley CDC  
Oct. 7: Davis-Monthan CDC  
Oct 12: Dorothy Finley CDC  
**Arts and Crafts: Creative Maracas!**

Sept. 22 and 23 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Davis-Monthan Youth Center

### Dormitory Hispanic Heritage Picnic:

Oct. 7 in Building 3500 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on 6th Street  
**Latin Fiesta!**

Oct. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Mirage Officers' Club

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Diliaana Fuertes, D-M Hispanic Heritage committee chairperson, at 228-1303.

awesome opportunity to indulge in the Latin culture."

"Statistically Department of Defense employs more than 650,000 civilians, of whom some 40,000 are Hispanics" said Charles Abell, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness principal. "There are 1.4 million active duty servicemembers, more than 130,000 of whom are Hispanic. Of the more than 870,000 Ready Reserve members, more than 71,500 are Hispanic."

"It's a matter of pride, everybody is proud of their roots, origin (and) nationality," Lieutenant Fuertes said. "This, like other heritage months celebrated across the nation, gives us a tremendous opportunity to show our traits, customs, believes and beauty of our race. It's very important because it gives us the sense of belonging to something special; also allow us who form part of the committee to meet other Hispanics and Latinos from around the base."

*(Editor's note: some of the information provided is courtesy of [http://www.defenselink.mil/bios/abell\\_bio.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/bios/abell_bio.html).)*

Child Development Centers, a picnic at the dorms, an arts and crafts day at the Youth Center and concludes with a Latin Fiesta at the Mirage Officers' Club.

"Three great things will be part of this activity; great ethnic food, great mariachi music and a great speaker," Lieutenant Fuertes said of the Latin Fiesta. "People should not miss this

## 354th FS deployed Monday



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. David Stuppy

Pilots and Airmen from Davis-Monthan prepare 15 A-10s from the 354th Fighter Squadron for deployment Monday at 5:30 a.m.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Alysia Cruz, joined by her grandmother, Eileen Cruz, watches her uncle, Capt. Daniel Cruz, an A-10 pilot assigned to the 354th Fighter Squadron, as he taxis towards his takeoff position to an undisclosed location.

# D-M addresses sexual assault problem

By Maj. Laurel Tingley  
355th Wing Public Affairs

As part of Air Force efforts to address the problem of sexual assault, it has developed a new Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.

The initiative has two goals: to prevent sexual assault in the Air Force and develop how the Air Force will respond to allegations of sexual assault crimes.

"The Air Force has not only identified sexual assault and rape as problematic, but defined it and developed a solution – the SAPR program – to challenge its very existence," said Deborah Morrison, 355th Wing Sexual Assault Response coordinator.

"The program is focused equally on prevention and response," said Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander. "The goal is to create an environment where sexual assault is less likely to occur, and if it fails, to provide command and emotional support for victims."

The SAPR program is the result of a 16-month study that reviewed the Air Force's sexual assault prevention and response capabilities and identified areas for improvement. The program directs initiatives towards:

- ◆ Policy and leadership;
- ◆ Prevention, education and training;
- ◆ Improved response;
- ◆ Improved reporting and
- ◆ AEF/deployed challenges

One of the essential elements is the creation of a program coordinator for bases with population of 1,000 or more, Ms. Morrison said.

"At each base, the SARC is charged with coordinat-

ing prevention and response through education and training," Ms. Morrison said. "The SARC and his or her advocates are on call and ready to respond to an assault or rape that is restricted or unrestricted."

A restricted report, for active-duty members, allows victims time to make informed decisions and seek medical care as well as after care without triggering an investigation, Ms. Morrison said. Restricted reports can be made through the SARC or medical. An unrestricted report, which can be made to anyone, prompts immediate investigation, as well as command and legal responses.

"Sexual assault is the most under-reported crime in America – one in six women will be the victim of rape or attempted rape during their lifetime and one in eight women will be the victim of forcible rape in her lifetime," Ms. Morrison said. "The program can only continue to develop, expand and incorporate fundamentally correct policies, procedures and victim's rights over the course of time."

In the past, the Air Force didn't have an integrate sexual assault response system that provided a coordinated effort focused on the victim's needs, Ms. Morrison said. With efforts toward improved reporting and response, Airmen will be better cared for as they seek medical care and counseling.

"This program is important because it is another way we have to protect our military members and give them appropriate care when something goes wrong," Colonel Barlow said.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, please contact Ms. Morrison during duty hours at 228-7272 or 24 hours a day at 940-8059.

# Maintaining standards

## *D-M base housing residents need to meet yard responsibilities*

**By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy**  
*355th Wing Public Affairs*

Prior to the Air Combat Command commander visit, Airmen in base housing of all ranks were told to get their yards in order.

As a result, many people were mowing and weed whacking their yards as the sun was setting.

I hate to admit it, but my husband and I were some of the people out there doing last minute yard work. Had we planned ahead and stayed on top of our yard like we are supposed to per our contract, we would not have stayed up late pulling weeds in the dark.

It is important for Airmen of all ranks to stay on top of yard care and know what they, as residents, are expected to do.

Housing residents' area of responsibility is midway between adjoining units, to the street, or up to 50 feet from your dwelling, which includes behind the block wall or fence. Residents are responsible for areas in front of the house up to and including the curb and gutters as well as the following:

- ◆ Remove grass and weeds from the sidewalks, driveways, desert landscaping and remove debris in the street.
- ◆ Trim the grass around your house, doorsteps, garages/carport, fences, patios, clothesline poles, etc., edge sidewalks, driveways and roadways to maintain a neat appearance.

In regard to shrubs and trees, residents are responsible for:

- ◆ Shrubs close to windows, are limited to the maximum height of the windowsill, and must be

away from the exterior walls to prevent structural damage.

- ◆ Trim area under shrubbery, for easy raking, and lower branches and shoots from trees.
- ◆ The ground maintenance contractor will trim branches of large shrubs and trees six feet or taller. You must contact the housing office to have this work performed.
- ◆ You are required to pick up fallen fruit from citrus trees located within 50 feet of your home. Fruit pickers and other gardening tools are available at housing maintenance, Building 675, located on the corner of National Boulevard and Phantom Drive.

In addition to keeping yards groomed, carports also have specific regulations.

Carports are intended for personal vehicles and bicycles. Maintain as follows:

- ◆ Do not store any personal items such as household furniture/goods, workbenches, auto parts, gas cans, etc.
- ◆ Patio furniture is allowed in your carport or on your patio.
- ◆ Vehicle maintenance of any type is NOT authorized. Please use the Auto Hobby Shop for vehicle maintenance.
- ◆ Removal of debris (paper, cans, wrappers, tree branches, leaves, etc.) is residents' responsibility. Items such as tires, plywood or other miscellaneous items leaning against the house or on the carport should be removed and stored properly.

As a resident in base housing, the following items are unauthorized:

- ◆ Garage/yard sale signs (maximum size of eight and a half by 11 inches) should be only posted on

the sales information board on Quijota Boulevard. North of the youth center. Garage/yard sale signs are also available at the housing maintenance self-help store, located on the corner of National Boulevard and Phantom Drive.

- ◆ Swimming or wading pools must be above ground with a maximum size of five feet in diameter and 18 inches deep. Pools must be emptied when not supervised.

Each resident is expected to maintain neat lawns and surrounding area. The follow applies to yard care:

- ◆ Your area of responsibility will be inspected year-round on a weekly basis. Discrepancy notices will be issued to those not meeting standards or violating policies. Residents who fail to meet base standards are susceptible to the wing "three strikes" policy. Initially, a warning citation will be issued, followed by e-mail to your first sergeant and/or commander. When a second notice is issued you have 24 hours to correct discrepancies or hire a contractor to bring the unit up to standards and you will be required to reimburse the government for all charges.
- ◆ Anyone found watering lawns on unauthorized days or times will be given a discrepancy notice on the spot, regardless of scheduled yard-inspection days or weekends. When additional watering is required for establishing a new lawn, call the housing office at 228-3687 or the facility chief at 228-6609.
- ◆ Pet feces should be picked up daily.

For more information or to ask questions concerning responsibility or policies, contact the housing office at 228-3687 or refer to the housing brochure.

*(Information courtesy of housing office.)*

# CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled for the period of Aug. 19 through 31.

## Civil incarceration

Tucson Police notified the Security Forces Control Center that an airman 1st class assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron had been arrested for failure to heed to oncoming traffic, failure to display a vehicle license plate and possession of a concealed weapon without a permit.

## Driving under the influence: civilian

Main Gate Installation Guards notified the SFCC they had stopped a vehicle from entering the installation for suspected DUI. The subject had attempted to enter the installation through the outbound lane. The subject had a strong odor of alcohol, slurred speech and blood shot eyes. Tucson Police and security forces conducted a field sobriety test on the subject, which he failed. The

subject's blood alcohol content result was .137. Tucson Police arrested the subject and transported him to Pima Country Jail.

## Patrol response: assault

Security forces patrol notified the SFCC he was responding to an assault in progress. Investigation revealed a staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and a female civilian were involved in a domestic dispute. The situation had escalated from a verbal dispute to a physical assault and damage of personal property. Security forces initiated barment action against the civilian and Tucson Police assigned a case number.

## Patrol response: driving without a license

Security forces responded to a minor vehicle accident at the Base Exchange. Investigation revealed an airman assigned to the 355th Medical Operations Squadron, who was involved in the accident, was operating their vehicle without a valid driver's license.

## Patrol response: employee fraud

Base Exchange security personnel notified the SFCC they had detained an employee for participating in an on-going fraud scheme. Tucson Police and Office of Special Investigation were notified. The individual's contractor badge was confiscated and barment proceedings were initiated. Investigation is on-going.

## Patrol response: shoplifting

Base Exchange store detectives notified the SFCC a female had attempted to shoplift cosmetics. When confronted the female fled toward Craycroft Road. Security Forces initiated a sector search. Witnesses provided a description and possible name of the subject. Security forces located the subject and detained her for shoplifting. Tucson Police responded and arrested the subject.

## Stolen private property: uncured

A retired major notified the SFCC his personal property had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked

at the Sports and Fitness Center. Investigation revealed the vehicle windows had been left rolled down and the property stolen was a backpack containing clothing, a watch and a bicycle lock.

## Unauthorized installation entry: fence line breach

The SFCC was notified an individual was attempting to climb the perimeter fence. Security forces personnel dispatched and located the subject. The individual was detained. Tucson Police responded, arrested the subject and transported him to Pima County Jail for further processing.

*(Information courtesy of 355th SFS.)*

## Traffic tickets issued: (August 19 through 31)

- ◆ Speeding: 7
- ◆ Using a cell phone while operating a vehicle: 2
- ◆ Failure to stop: 11





# A city underwater gets help from above

By Lt. Col. Bob Thompson  
Air Force Reserve Command  
Public Affairs

**JACKSON, Miss.** — With their homes and city underwater, many citizens of New Orleans have been looking to the skies for help from helicopter rescue crews of the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and active duty.

Hoisted aloft from rooftops and carried aboard from broken bridge spans and other locations isolated by flooding waters, more than 2,000 people have been saved by pararescue teams in the past five days since Hurricane Katrina hit the city.

“We got the call on (Aug. 30) and flew straight into Jackson from the east coast of Florida and immediately started flying rescue missions,” said Col. Timothy Tarchick, 920th Rescue Wing commander from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. “We arrived at our staging area in Jackson at about midnight and then flew straight into the city to look for survivors.”

With a combined force of 26 helicopters and about 400 people, the team comprises reservists and active-duty Airmen from Valdosta, Ga.; Cocoa Beach, Fla.; Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Las Vegas; Tucson, Ariz.; Portland, Ore. and New York City.

Flying 8- to 10-hour missions, the rescue teams must first fly about an hour and a half to get to the flooded city from Jackson. The rescue teams locate and retrieve the residents, drop them off at a collection point, and then circle around again looking for more. To double their range, the helicopters often refuel in air to spend as much time in the city as possible.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the affected families in New Orleans,” said Lt. Gen. Michael W. Wooley, commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla., during a visit with the pararescue teams Sept. 3. “The motto of air rescue is ‘That others may live’ and that is exactly what we’re focusing on. The things

we train to do in wartime are an easy transition for us to be saving lives here today.”

Trained to rescue downed pilots and military troops in combat behind enemy lines, the Air Force’s rescue teams are a very small community of highly elite professionals.

“Most of our people are veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq,” said Col. Joe Callahan, 347th Rescue Wing commander, Moody Air Force Base, Ga. “They are hard-driving volunteers working around the clock and doing everything they can to save the people that no one else can reach.”

Trained to provide immediate medical treatment, the pararescue jumpers first seek out storm victims with critical medical conditions. These people are flown to temporary medical facilities set up in the local area and then on to the hospital in Baton Rouge, La., or other critical care facilities.

“The important thing is that we’re helping the people who are in the most need first,” said Master Sgt. Randy Wells, an aircrew member with the 920th Rescue Wing. “Because of the heat, we’re seeing the very old and very young in the most danger out there. When we can, we try to load a lot of children on our flights.”

Most of the hurricane survivors are flown to collection points on safe ground, like Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans. They receive medical attention, food and water, and await transportation out of the city.

“I don’t know how those guys do it,” said Adele Betucci, a New Orleans resident who was rescued off the roof of her flooded home Sept. 2. “These guys on the helicopters, they saved us.”

“I want to thank everyone for doing a fabulous job,” said Karen Greene who was evacuated to Louis Armstrong Airport with a suspected fractured right hip. “Thank you so much.”

(Information courtesy of Air Force Print News.)

## That others may live ...



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Airmen of the 55th Rescue Squadron prepare to deploy in support of search and rescue operations in the South East United States. The 563rd Rescue Group, an Air Force Special Operations Command unit, sent 100 Airmen, HH-60G helicopters and HC-130s to aid in helping to find those who are unable to escape the waters that have flooded the cities. The 305th Rescue Squadron, part of the 943rd Rescue Group and Air Force Reserves Command, has also deployed to support those effected by Hurricane Katrina. The 305th is operating under the 920th Rescue Wing during relief efforts. The Airmen will stay in the area as long as search and rescue operations are being conducted.

## Support of Hurricane Katrina continues

**WASHINGTON** — A week after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, the Air Force continues its fever-pitch support effort to aid the people it has affected.

Airmen, aircraft and equipment from bases nationwide are playing a vital role in the Federal Emergency Management Agency-directed Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The total force is involved in search and rescue, recovery, airlift and aeromedical evacuation. Airmen opened up the New Orleans airport and have a 25-bed emergency medical squadron on the ground there — with 75 beds still to come.

Airmen with two contingency response wings deployed to New Orleans, Lafayette, La., Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and Gulfport, Miss., to run airlift operations.

Air Force actions for Sept. 4 include:

- ◆ Rescues: 494.
- ◆ Sorties: 369.
- ◆ Passengers flown: 4,249.
- ◆ Cargo tons delivered: 2,213.
- ◆ Aeromedical evacuation patients flown: 1,072.
- ◆ Civil Air Patrol sorties: three.

Air Force actions to-date include:

- ◆ Rescues: 1,364.
  - ◆ Sorties: 789.
  - ◆ Passengers flown: 13,472.
  - ◆ Cargo tons delivered: 4,005.
  - ◆ Aeromedical evacuation patients flown: 1,883.
  - ◆ Civil Air Patrol sorties: 13.
- Air Force aircraft taking part in the massive operation include:
- ◆ C-130 Hercules (airlift).
  - ◆ C-17 Globemaster III (airlift).
  - ◆ C-5 Galaxy heavy (airlift).
  - ◆ C-141 Starlifter (airlift).
  - ◆ KC-135 Stratotanker (airlift and aerial refueling).
  - ◆ OC-135 Open Skies (aerial photography).
  - ◆ E-3 Sentry (air traffic control).
  - ◆ HC-130 P/N (helicopter aerial refueling).
  - ◆ HH-60G Pave Hawk (search and rescue).
  - ◆ MC-130E/H Combat Talon I/II (search and rescue).
  - ◆ MH-53J/M Pave Low (search and rescue).
  - ◆ C-9 Nightingale (aeromedical evacuation).

(Information courtesy of Air Force Print News.)



# Davis-Monthan leads way with motorcycle mentorship

*Program from D-M starts  
Airmen on path for success,  
is spreading across bases*

**By Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted**  
*Motorcycle Advisory Council vice president*

Davis-Monthan’s Motorcycle Advisory Council has spent a lot of sweat-equity over the past 18 months producing a leading-edge product designed to curb the rising death rate of motorcyclists.

The product, the Commanders’ Motorcycle Mentorship Program, which has been placed on-line, has become a focal point for motorcyclists across the Depart of Defense who want to stand up a mentorship program.

Recently, Navy Chief Gamet from Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, informed D-M his duty station has stood-up the D-M program.

“From the original conversation a few months ago when I was briefed by the D-M MAC on the whole process, to where we are now, is awesome,” Chief Gamet said. “We were able to stand up our program in record time because of the hard work D-M has done in regard to real motorcycle safety improvements, and the step-by-step process of assuring mentorship.”

“The Navy needed to do something, and without reinventing the wheel, we are now coming quickly up-to-speed with our sister services with a superior product,” Chief Gamet said. “We are already graduating our first class of certified Motorcycle Mentors.”

“I recently briefed the Navy Southwest Region Safety Office command reps on the program, and we are looking to adopt this across our region shortly,” Chief Gamet said.

As briefed to the commander of Air Combat Command, Gen. Ronald Keys, the program has three tiers to complete mentorship.

As with the old program, new riders must complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation’s Basic Riders Course. Only now, instead of giving the new rider a base decal and hoping for the best, a motorcycle mentor is assigned to the new rider and the new rider is issued a temporary pass in lieu of a base decal.

The mentor and rider then spend time together to build on the basic skill-set learned in the BRC, and the mentor takes time to get into the rider’s head in regard to safety mindedness.

Once the rider and mentor agree mentorship is complete, the rider is enrolled into the MSF Intermediate Riders Course, which is paid for by the wing.

The IRC completion gives an across-the-board criteria for all riders to pass, and gives leadership

the knowledge that everything that can be done, has been done to help the new rider survive the most critical time of their learning curve.

With completion of the IRC, the new rider is eligible to obtain the base decal. Also, all volunteer mentors are certified for the task of mentoring new riders.

“This program is much like the flying program,” Gen. Keys said. “We don’t simply graduate A-10 pilots and send them into combat. We continue training with the pilot until they are combat ready, and for motorcyclists, this program is training riders for the combat of the street.”

“We worked together to resolve the issues experienced by new riders and also to assure our ability to continue to ride without undue hardships placed on D-M motorcyclists. Working together, we have been proactive instead of reactive to problems plaguing motorcyclists as a group,” said Staff Sgt. Derrell Willson, MSF Rider Coach and MAC member assigned to 612th Air Communications Squadron. “We are our best Wingmen.”

The complete program would not be successful without the teamwork of the Wing commander, Wing Safety, Pima Community College MSF programs, the Military MSF Rider Coaches, Pass and ID, volunteer Motorcycle Mentors and the Motorcycle Advisory Council. To get involved, contact the MAC at [dmmoto@dm.af.mil](mailto:dmmoto@dm.af.mil) or visit the Web at <http://www.dm.af.mil/pa/mac/>.

# Dining

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“It is important for those who attend to know the toasts,” said Sergeant Benavides. “The people and organizations we toast have great importance and significance to each of us as Airmen and they deserve nothing but the best honors from our toast.”

Also in honor of tradition, the positions of President of the Mess, Madam and Mister Vice-President will be present. The President position is typically the commander of the organization hosting the Dining-In and will be filled by Colonel Spencer. Madam and Mister Vice were chosen from auditions and Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron Commander, and Staff Sgt. Michael Creek, 612th Air Communications Squadron, were selected.

The guest speaker for the evening is Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Keith Connolly. General Connolly is currently the director of the D-M Retiree Activities Office and his last active-duty assignment was the vice-commander of 5th Air Force, headquartered at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

The program will end with an opportunity to have cigars and a favorite beverage to continue the high spirit

and comradeship from the evening’s events.

The points of contact to sign up are each unit’s first sergeant. The overall cost of the event has been offset by the committee’s fundraisers early in the year. The cost is prorated according to rank.

◆ E-1 to E-4: \$15

◆ E-5 to E-6: \$20

◆ E-7 through officers: \$25.

Each attending member will receive a complimentary memento, tumbler or wine glass, with the inscription “Davis-Monthan AFB (the desert lightning thunderbolt logo) 58 Years of Air Force Tradition 1947-2005.” Additional glasses will be on sale for \$6.50 per glass or \$20 for a set of 4.

“We hope that people will enjoy the tumblers and wine glasses we’ve designed to help remember the evening,” said 2nd Lt. Maiya Yde, committee’s decorations officer.

“History and tradition build the foundation of excellence for the Air Force,” Chief Talley said. “All Airmen, from the youngest to the oldest are encouraged to attend this event and to be a part of Air Force history.”

**(Editors note:** *This is the first of a two-part series about Davis-Monthan’s Dining-In.*)



Photo by Cadet Christine Mihalik

## AFROTC new commander

*Col. Joseph Abbot, Air Force Reserve Officer Training, Detachment 20, at the University of Arizona, instructs Cadets Brian Jackson and James Rozzoni from the detachment. Colonel Abbot’s job as the detachment commander is to recruit, train, motivate and educate Air Force officer candidates and determine who is ultimately commissioned to lead the future Air Force. Colonel Abbot came from the 401st Air Expeditionary Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy, where he led Air Force support for NATO and the United Nations peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo. Colonel Abbot took command of the detachment this summer after the retirement of Col. David Dyche.*



# Leadership on your feet

By Lt. Col. Bradley Grambo  
55th Rescue Squadron commander

In today’s world of e-mail, cellular phones, instant messaging and teleconferences our world has become significantly more impersonal.

Sometimes we think we can keep an accurate picture of our organization by limiting intelligence-gathering data to spreadsheets, staff meetings and PowerPoint presentations.

While these sources are great for tracking trends and helping increase our efficiency, we must not forget that none of these replace the benefits of human interaction. Only by communicating directly with our people in the trenches can we gain and maintain a first-hand feel for what they are thinking.

It provides a clear understanding on which processes are helping and which are getting in the way and how the messages from our leadership evolve after being filtered by numerous layers of bureaucracy.

“Leadership by walking around” will keep us in tune with our Airmen, increase communication, provide teaching and learning moments and keep our ear to the ground.

**In tune with our organization.** A lot goes on in our organization and no PowerPoint presentation, spreadsheet or staff meeting will tell us everything that happens.

A simple way to stay informed is to go where

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**“Your people are more likely to share information and insight that will contribute to your own big picture when they’re more comfortable on their own turf.”**

— Lt. Col. Bradley Grambo  
55th Rescue Squadron commander

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your Airmen are. You won’t find out what’s going on by directing your life-support NCO in charge to provide you an explanation in your office.

Instead, walk down to their section and just observe or interact. Sometimes just sit and talk, or other times ask for a guided tour. It’s important that we learn how to listen, instead of talking.

**Increase communication.** When your people realize that your motive is genuine, they quickly realize that your purpose is to learn and coach and not to entrap and criticize. They will regard your “walking around” as a safe opportunity to discuss things that are genuinely pertinent to their performance. You won’t come across as threatening, but as a team member that can help fix things.

**Teaching and learning moments.** There are few things more powerful than watching your people in action especially when they’re making

## Walk away from e-mail to get to know Airmen

things happen. Tell them specifically what they’re doing right, pat them on the back and remind them of the importance of their work.

And if you notice anything awry, correct that on the spot as well. If you’re one of the big bosses, discuss the deficiencies in private to keep from undermining their authority.

**Keeping your ear to the ground.** Have you ever been walking around and discovered something you weren’t even looking for? Do you expect your people to keep you informed of everything that goes on?

This is where you’ll get yourself into the informal information loop. Your people are more likely to share information and insight that will contribute to your own big picture when they’re more comfortable on their own turf. Most importantly, be sincere with your people and they will be sincere with you.

So next time you’re sitting in a staff meeting, reviewing some obscure parametric or responding to e-mails, do you really know what’s going on?

Dedicate the time to get out of your office every-day and see the facts firsthand.

Tell your people that we can’t lay back and expect e-mails, briefings, and teleconferences to run our organizations.

We need get out of our offices, connect with our people, and remove the roadblocks so they can use their ingenuity and skill to get the job done.

Only by walking around can we effectively manage our most important resource — our Airmen.

Final Answer

What are your predictions for the upcoming National Football League season?

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| <b>Staff Sgt.<br/>Matt Saugstad</b><br>355th Aircraft<br>Maintenance Squadron   | <b>Col.<br/>Mark Koechle</b><br>355th Operations Group   | <b>Senior Airman<br/>Nathan Hanks</b><br>355th Communications<br>Squadron   | <b>Senior Master Sgt.<br/>Kevin Doran</b><br>355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron   | <b>Tech. Sgt.<br/>Dave Antrobus</b><br>355th Component Maintenance Squadron         | <b>Chief Master Sgt. Scott<br/>Westcott</b><br>355th Maintenance Operations Squadron          |
| “Not the Bears.”  | “I’d like to see the Vikings go all the way, but I think the Colts will win. Just not the Patriots again.” | “Definitely the St. Louis Rams. They are a relatively young team and they’re starting to get into their potential.” | “The Minnesota Vikings will go all the way.”  | “Pittsburg Steelers, Superbowl champs. They’re my favorite team: the only team.”    | “It’s got to be the Patriots. It’s been two out of three, why not make it three out of four?” |

JAG officers receive promotions


The Air Force Personnel Center announced the results of the CY05B lieutenant colonel Judge Advocate General promotions selection board Thursday.

Congratulations to the two Airmen from D-M selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel:

Maj. Leslea Pickle,  
12th Air Force Judge Advocate and

Maj. Graeme Henderson,  
355th Wing Judge Advocate.





# Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor’s note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*

This week’s Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Matthew Novak of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron. Sergeant Novak is a pavement and equipment craftsman. According to the 355th CES superintendent, Master Sgt. Scott Hartill, he was nominated for the spotlight because he, “always performs above and beyond no matter what task or situation is presented to him. And he nurtures Airmen by taking the time to teach them to do it right the first time.”

The following are Sergeant Novak’s responses to a variety of questions.

**Best aspect of your job?** The best aspect of my job is watching projects develop in front of my own eyes and seeing the final product.

**What has been your best assignment and why?** D-M is the best assignment because my supervisor pushed me to be the best Airman that I could be.

**Career goals?** To retire at 20 years and get my degree in criminal justice.

**Hobbies, outside activities?** Spending time with my family and working on my car.

**What is the best advice you’ve received in the Air Force?** It’s your career ... take charge of it.

**What has been your most memorable**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

**moment in the Air Force?** The same day my son was born I put on staff sergeant.  
**Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire):** My wife inspires me every day. She’s always there when I need her and supports my career.

## August Sharp Troop Awards

Congratulations to the following Airmen who were recognized by the Chief’s Group as outstanding Airmen for their projection of a professional appearance, outstanding bearing and exceptional professionalism.

- Senior Airman Robyn Jackson**, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron;
- Airman 1st Class Jamesha Eaddy**, 355th CMS;
- Staff Sgt. Richard Bartlett**, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron;
- Airman 1st Class Robert Schaub**, 355th EMS;
- Senior Airman Anthony Dudley**, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron;
- Airman 1st Class Thuthu Aye**, 355th LRS;
- Senior Airman David Hink**, 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron;
- Airman Jermaine Gregory**, 612th Air Communications Squadron and
- Staff Sgt. Kevin Hicks**, 755th Operations Support Squadron.







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## Airmen in Ecuador welcome kudos, new leadership

By Capt. Patricia Teran-Matthews  
U.S. Military Group Quito Public Affairs

**Manta, Ecuador** - Airmen of the 478th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, U. S. Southern Command Air Forces Forward Operating Location - Manta, Ecuador said farewell to their commander, Lt. Col. Bill Brinley, who served at the FOL for a year, and welcomed their new commander, Lt. Col. Gary Gagliardi, Aug. 15, during a change of command ceremony in Manta, Ecuador, officiated by Col. Jon Kimminau, 474th Operations Group commander.

During the ceremony the outgoing commander expressed how much he enjoyed the assignment, while the incoming commander welcomed the opportunity to become the new FOL leader.

"This was an amazing opportunity; it was essentially like being responsible for a wing, a rare opportunity for a lieutenant colonel," said Colonel Brinley.

"Every member at the Manta FOL represents 'America' and each one of us put a name to the face of the United States," he said.

Lt. Col. Gary Gagliardi, the new 478th EOS commander, saluted the Airmen of Team Manta for their outstanding performance and dedication to the mission.

"Your efforts, especially in light of the excruciating ops tempo and manpower and funding shortages, is a testament to your commitment and dedication to our mission. I look forward to serving with you as we continue the tradition of excellence you have established," Colonel Gagliardi said.

Also in attendance at the ceremony was the general in charge of all military operations in Central and South America and the Caribbean, who gave kudos to the men and women of the 478th EOS and shared his perspective on the mission of the Manta FOL.

"Mission requirements were met under Lt. Col. Brinley's tenure; the AWACS mission continues to be strong and the ops tempo is higher than we anticipated which is essential to the support of the primary mission, said Army General Bantz Craddock, U.S. Southern Command commander.

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Courtesy photo

RIGHT: Lt. Col. Bill Brinley relinquishes command of the 478th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, Forward Operating Location - Manta, Ecuador on Aug. 15, Col. Jon Kimminau, 474th Operations Group commander, accepts the 478th EOS guidon which he passed to Lt. Col. Gary Gagliardi, the new 478th EOS commander, who will command the Airmen of FOL - Manta for a year. The 478th EOS is a forward unit of U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, headquartered at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

## OIF veteran honored in Honduras

By 2nd Lt. Christina Mundy  
12th Air Force Public Affairs

Eight Airmen from Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, participated as the firing detail during the funeral of a U.S. Marine.

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Ramon Ernesto Gonzales, 30, died in the line of duty in Ramdi, Iraq.

Sergeant Gonzales was a member of the First Batallion, 5th Regiment and First Division of the U.S. Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sergeant Gonzales, originally from Honduras left his country at a young age to move to the U.S. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps about 11 years ago.

Due to his Honduran ties the American Marine was buried in Honduras. because of the limited number of Marines in Honduras, Airmen stepped up to say farewell to a fellow comrade. Soto Cano

Airmen help out the Marines with giving their fellow servicemember the proper burial.

"To me this is the highest honor you can give another servicemember," said Air Force Staff Sgt. John Deese, Fire and Emergency Services at Soto Cano Air Base.

Sergeant Deese was one of the eight Airmen who participated in the firing detail. "There is no greater sacrifice one can give than the loss of life for the defense of our country and freedom." brother for his service and dedication.

Everyone who participated in the firing detail gave up their off duty time the Saturday and Sunday prior to the funeral.

They trained for 16 hours over those two days, "we assured that everyone understood the commands and the

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## AIRMEN in ACTION

### HURRICANE KATRINA USAF RELIEF EFFORTS AS OF SEPT. 6, 2005

| USAF Action Today                |       | USAF Action To-Date              |        |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Rescues                          | 558   | Rescues                          | 4,674  |
| Sorties                          | 572   | Sorties                          | 3,532  |
| Passengers flown                 | 2,097 | Passengers flown                 | 20,816 |
| Cargo tons delivered             | 2,474 | Cargo tons delivered             | 9,197  |
| Aeromedical evac. patients moved | 11    | Aeromedical evac. patients moved | 2,552  |
| Civil Air Patrol sorties         | 24    | Civil Air Patrol sorties         | 110    |

- More than 8,000 Active and Reserve Airmen are supporting hurricane relief operations.
- The U.S. Air Force Total Force is working around the clock to save and sustain lives with aeromedical evacuations and EMEDS, airlift, search and rescue and air refueling missions being flown.

The Air Force's primary focus involves saving lives, sustaining lives and assisting FEMA in recovery operations for HURRICANE KATRINA.

# MANTA

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“We remain stable at Manta; consistency in this region is very important and the Manta FOL is an anchor of a good neighbor policy,” the general said.

The general’s kudos came in response to the FOL’s busy year, during 2004, the Airmen of the 478th EOS completed nearly 500 missions adding up to approximately 5,000 flight hours; ensured every patrol and reconnaissance aircraft stationed there supported anti-narcotic missions. Their efforts ultimately resulting in the interdiction and seizure of more than 100,000 lbs of illegal drugs, a street value of more than \$1.4 billion.

While praising the entire unit, the SOUTHCOM commander also took a few moments to highlight some of the contributions of the outgoing commander and his family.

“From a community outreach perspective, Lt. Col. Brinley, Mrs. Kelly Brinley and even 5-year-old daughter Alex Brinley’s volunteerism helped cement exceptional relations throughout the community, General Craddock said.

“They consistently supported and participated with other Manta FOL personnel in events such as the weekly tutoring

program and various fundraising events assisting to provide school supplies and clothing to the community. These types of community outreach initiatives helped further a favorable U.S. presence in the country, which is critical to country team efforts in supporting security cooperation interests in Ecuador,” he said.

Ecuadorian Col. Leonidas Enríquez, 23rd Wing Commander, Eloy Alfaro Air Base, host base of the Manta FOL, remained impressed with the existing partnership with the FOL commander and with all FOL personnel involved in the struggle toward a common goal.

Colonel Enríquez said he looks forward to continue nurturing the relationship between the Ecuadorian and U.S. air forces at Manta.

He also expressed he would like to see this professional relationship be a “modelo” for other Latin American countries to follow, not only with international military relations but also as a “model” for public diplomacy.

The 478th EOS is a forward unit of the U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, which is headquartered at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. SOUTHAF is the air component for SOUTHCOM, headquartered in Miami, Fla.



Courtesy photo

Family and friends received the remains of Sergeant Ramon Ernesto Gonzales, 30, who died in Ramdi, Iraq. Sergeant Gonzales was a member of the First Battalion, 5th Regiment and First Division of the U.S. Marines stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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steps, we wanted to represent the U.S. in a professional manner and to ensure that the deceased received the proper honors,” said Sergeant Deese.

The body of Sergeant Gonzales was received by family and Marines at the

U.S. embassy in Honduras.

His parents were presented an official document in which he was recognized as a hero, and it also expressed their condolence and appreciation for his sacrifice.

Sergeant Gonzales is survived by his wife Joselyn and their son Sergio.

# SALUTE!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to 12th Air Force warriors who recently were – or soon will be – promoted to the rank indicated and to those who were recently awarded medals recognizing their accomplishments.

### Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. Luis Almanza, 12th AF/SE  
Master Sgt. Shelonie Johnson, 12 AF/DP  
Master Sgt. Jacob Robinson, Jr., 12 AF/SE

### Airman 1st Class

Tobias Conn, 25th OWS  
Jeffrey Cox, Jr., 612th ACOMS  
Jermanie Gregory, 612 ACOMS  
Samantha Griggs, 25th OWS  
Shannon Smith, 612th ACOMS

### Air Combat Command Winners

Master Sgt. Kenneth Gammons,  
612th Air Communications Squadron  
Senior Airman Anthony Jett,  
755th Operational Support Squadron

### Quarterly Award Winners

Mr. Roddy Spencer,  
474th Operations Group  
Master Sgt. Rubi Tornero,  
25th Operational Weather Squadron

### Achievement Medal

Tech. Sgt. Carlos Hernandez,  
12th Air Force Safety  
2nd Lt. Christina Mundy,  
12th Air Force Public Affairs

### Good Conduct Medal

Senior Airman Sheree Williams-Prades,  
12th Air Force Personel

### Senior Airman

Matthew Colvin, 612th Combat Operations Squadron  
Edward Dicus, 25th OWS  
Sumaya Mendez, 25th OWS  
Nicole Nieratko, 25th OWS  
Jonathan Reandeau, 25th OWS  
Deric Van Bree, 25th OWS



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# Preparation produces professionally painted planes

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

In a nondescript hangar amongst the other buildings on the D-M flightline, aircraft are given an operational face lift that is fundamental for battle success.

The hangar, behind the 357th Fighter Squadron, resembles any other building on base; it is a light-brown building, but large enough to house a couple of aircraft.

This hangar houses the corrosion control flight of the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, where Davis-Monthan's A-10s receive their camouflage paint.

The Airmen in the corrosion control flight preserve and prolong the life of aircraft through applying and maintaining protective coatings that enhance the war-fighting capabilities, said Loren Sheffield, 355th EMS corrosion control supervisor. The shop ensures the aircraft are available to safely perform the mission.

To ensure the A-10s are well protected and maintained, the aircraft are stripped and repainted every six years.

The overall process takes nine days in various stages of the paint barn.

First, the most recent layers of paint are removed.

After stripping the paint, Airmen mask the plane. A protective material is placed on critical components of the aircraft that do not receive paint: the canopy, landing gear and antennas. This masking protects these parts from permanent damage the paint can cause. Airmen also begin sanding the plane after it has been masked. This helps the paint adhere to the plane's surface.

Any sanding not completed the first day is completed the second day.

On the third day, the first coat of paint, which is white, is completed. Once that dries, the entire

plane is rinsed with clean water to remove dirt particles on the surface of the new paint.

The plane moves to the other side of the paint barn on the fourth day.

Once there, the plane is masked again for protection. The plane's flight controls, ailerons, elevators and decelerators, are sanded.

Operations on the fifth day bring the primer and a fresh coat of white for the landing gear.

Primer is a tie-coat that helps new paint adhere to old paint, said Tech. Sgt. Terence Carter, 355th EMS. Without it, the new paint would peel off.

On the sixth day, the A-10 is painted its first shade of gray and takes on the more well known image of the Warthog.

The plane is painted with two more layers of gray on the seventh day.

One coat of paint will take two hours or more to dry depending on the humidity, Sergeant Carter said.

Airmen apply leading-edge tape on the eighth day. Leading-edge tape is a polyurethane protector used to keep the front edge of the plane's wings clean and safe.

The A-10 can become dirty quickly because of



Airman Lee Phillips, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, cuts the backing off leading edge tape, which is used on the leading edge of each wing on an A-10. Adding the tape is one of the last steps in the aircraft painting process.

residue from the gun and other airborne objects. The tape provides the paint with a layer of protection against dirt and debris as well as the elements.

On the ninth day, the final touch of paint is applied to make each aircraft unique.

Airmen precisely apply specific stenciling to each aircraft. The names of the pilot, the dedicated crew chief and the assistant crew chief below the cockpit canopy are added.

Once local markings and decals have been added, the A-10 is ready to be sent out to join the rest of the fleet, sporting a fresh coat of paint with a local touch.

## What does it mean?

Every marking on an aircraft has a significance. Here's an explanation of the markings on an A-10 tail, which is similar to most other Air Force aircraft markings.

Every aircraft is assigned to a unit. The 354th Fighter Squadron is signified by a picture of a bulldog as seen on this aircraft.

The two-letter base code signifies what base the aircraft is assigned to. Every base, or Guard or Reserve unit, has a two-letter code representing their home station.

Either the small digits (as shown) or the first two digits of a longer number on the tail signify the year the aircraft was ordered.



Most aircraft has the patch of the major command the mission is assigned to. Air Mobility Command aircraft do not have tail-code markings.

The last digits are the ending numbers of the complete contractual serial number of the specific aircraft.

# AF warriors of the ‘80s and ‘90s

- Across

1. Actress West

4. Accountant, in short

7. Angry

10. Slap lightly

13. Mock

14. \_\_\_ River

15. Southwestern Native American

16. Caviar

17. Col. Eileen \_\_\_; 1<sup>st</sup> woman Space Shuttle commander

19. Initial, yet significant advantage for future progress

21. Crazy \_\_\_ \_ loon

22. Bullets

23. TSgt Tim \_\_\_; Air Force Cross recipient for Mogadishu actions

28. Fury

32. Epoch

33. Look around

34. Anaheim player

35. Computer key

36. Dine

37. Deeds

38. In the capacity or character of

41. Greek letter

43. 3, in a manner

44. Maj. Patricia \_\_\_; first woman commander of an
- AFSC unit

46. GMT -0400

48. Quick rest

51. Fat

52. Dog’s pests

54. USAF E-4

55. Deep slimy soil or mud

56. Dense translucent, white or tinted fine-grained gypsum

58. 1st Oscar winner \_\_\_ Jan-nings (1929)

61. Actress Thurman

62. Dr. Sheila \_\_\_\_; 1<sup>st</sup> woman service secretary

65. Col. Guion \_\_\_; 1<sup>st</sup> African-American astronaut

69. Mistake

70. \_\_\_ Grande

71. Field movie Norma \_\_\_

72. USAF Medal of Honor recipient Col. George \_\_\_

73. Prop for 31 DOWN

74. Pitch

75. Web address, in short

76. Hurricane center

Down

1. Apple computer, in short

2. Mil. overseas address

3. Snakelike fish

4. Emergency
5. Mortification

6. Commercials

7. X-men characters

8. Molecule

9. Think

10. Expert

11. Earthlink competitor

12. Actor Danson

18. Laotian currency, in short

20. Gen. Charles \_\_\_\_; architect of Desert Storm air campaign

23. Tiny

24. Fed. tax org.

25. Glossy, resinous material

26. Bath item

27. Surpass other car dealers

29. Oppose

30. \_\_\_ Shorty

31. Golfer Ernie

34. Rear of the ship

39. Not observable

40. Mature

42. Thought

44. \_\_\_ Kippur

45. Japanese sash

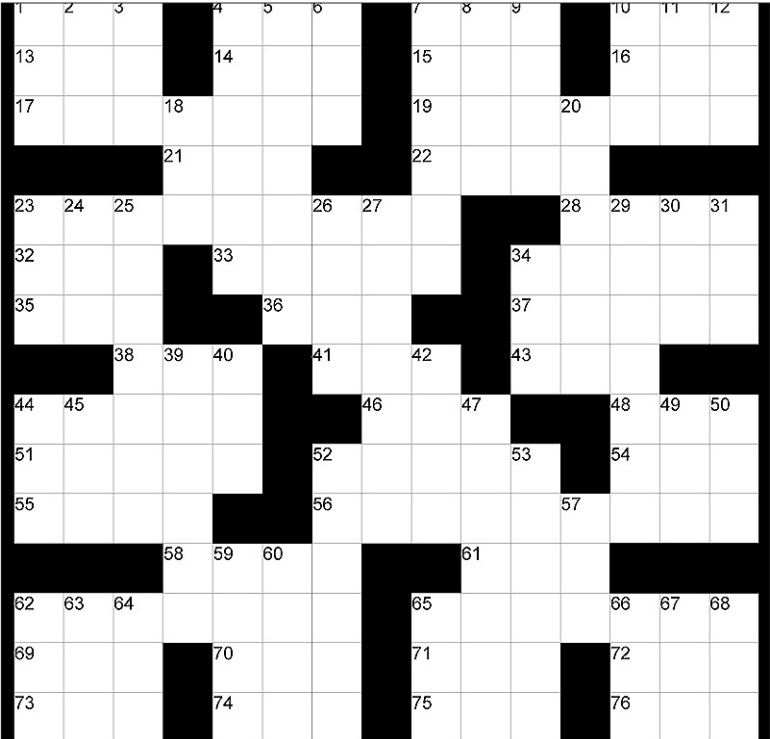
47. Organized as a list

49. In existence

50. Score for 31 DOWN

52. Unsown

53. American jurist and



(For solutions see Page 26)

- Revolutionary War leader Chase

57. SECAF’s office symbol

59. Second Lt. \_\_\_Wittick; 1st woman to enter helicopter pilot training

60. Uppermost and widest of the three pelvis bones
62. Damp

63. Wrath

64. Rapping “Dr.”

65. SHAPE city airport, in brief

66. Lyrical poem

67. Skate relative

68. Color









Mustangs second baseman Anthony Rieck splinters a bat smacking a single to center field. Rieck drove in two runs helping the Mustangs bury the Cubs 15-1.

# Pitching sends D-M Mustangs to clobber Cubs

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Pitching by Dennis Short helped the Davis-Monthan Mustangs blow out the Cubs 15-1 in Monday-night baseball action Aug. 29 at Reid Park.

The Mustangs got a jump on the Cubs by scoring six runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Short's pitching kept the team in the lead by holding the Cubs scoreless into the sixth inning of the first game of the fall season. He finished the game with seven strike outs, six walks and one earned run on 93 pitches.

Other highlights include shortstop Timothy

"Hatch" Hatcher, who stole two bases and scored a run and first baseman Duane Helton, who went one for three in his at bat with two runs scored and two runs batted in.

Davis-Monthan's team finished the game with 15 runs scored on 12 hits while stranding 14 on base.

In the sixth inning, the Cubs broke through the Mustangs no-hitter, scoring a run. They left six players on base.

The Mustang's next game is slated for today at 6 p.m. at Kino Park 5.

The Mustangs, 1-2 for the season, are a team of Airmen and family members from D-M; the Cubs are Tucson citizens.

## Fitness Boot Camp Weight Loss Challenge update as of Aug. 31

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Fitness Boot Camp Weight Loss Challenge, which runs from Aug. 1 through Oct. 31, encourages all participants to improve their overall health and fitness and, in the process, shed a few unwanted pounds.

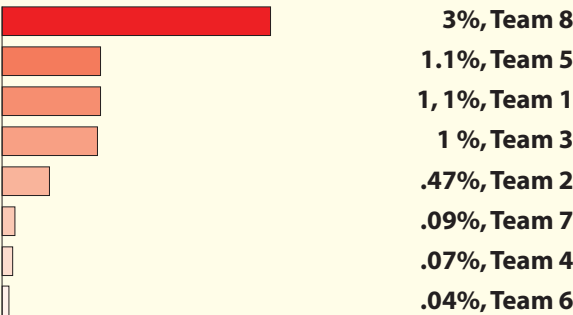
The contestants are now a month into the program, and they have weighed in. The eight teams are comprised of 87 active-duty, guard and reserve Airmen and family members; retirees and Department of Defense employees. Teams will weigh in again at the end of September.

Together, the eight teams have lost an average of 20.6 pounds, or 1.1 percent of their body weight. Each team is ranked in the contest by the percentage of the total weight lost.

"Through hard work, regular attendance of the morning boot camp classes and proper eating, each of these individuals is learning the value of hard work, perseverance and teamwork," said Cesar Vinueza, Base Fitness Program Manager. "They have done a great job so far and I am confident they will show great improvement for the next weigh in."

For more information, call Mr. Vinueza at 228-5003 or e-mail at [cesar.vinueza@dm.af.mil](mailto:cesar.vinueza@dm.af.mil).

Teams are scored based on the total percentage of body fat lost.



# Air Force Sports Programs allow Airmen to compete

The Air Force Sports Program is designed to allow active duty, National Guard and reserve Air Force personnel an opportunity to participate at the Air Force, Armed Forces, national and international sports events. The AFSP is comprised of 15 different sports.

To apply for the program, athletes must submit a completed Air Force Form 303, "Request for USAF Specialized Sports Training."

Experience listed in section IV should be in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most

recent and working backwards. Finally, athletes must obtain supervisor's, commander's, and Fitness Center Director's endorsements on the Air Form 303.

Athletes selected for training are invited to attend trial camps and other Air Force championship events.

Trial camps are short in duration, physically demanding, mentally challenging and highly competitive. Athletes should be in top condition for the trial camps to best showcase their talents and abilities

to the coach and other officials who will select the Air Force team.

Armed Forces Championships include Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps teams.

Combined service all-star teams are often chosen at Armed Forces Championships to represent the United States Armed Forces at national and international military championships organized by the Counsel International du Sport Militaire, consisting of 122 member nations. Other international military events include Supreme

Headquarters Allied Powers European men's basketball and AIRNORTH (Air Force competitions in Europe involving Germany, Belgium, United Kingdom, Poland, Denmark, and the Netherlands) track and field, swimming, volleyball and cross country.

For more information on the dates for applications and trainings, visit <http://www.p.afsv.af.mil/AFS-ports/AllAFSports.htm>.

(Information courtesy of Air Force Services, All Air Force Sports Web site.)



# Sports Shorts

**Youth swim team sign-up**  
After the Desert Lightning Piranhas swim team’s first season last year, they are looking forward to another successful season. Interested individuals, ages 5 to 18 years, are invited to join the team for 2005 through 2006. There will be a parent meeting Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation center, Building 4430. For more information, call Alisa Metzger, 228-0015 or the recreation center, 228-3736.

**Bowling leagues forming**  
Winter Leagues are now forming at the D-M bowling center. The last leagues start dates are:  
◆ Monday: OWC Ladies Trios League starts Monday at 9:30 a.m. and Intramural League starts at 5 p.m.  
For more information, call the Bowling Alley at 228-3461.

**Outdoor Rec Pool**  
The Outdoor Recreational Pool will be open through Sept. 30.

Recreational swim and open swim hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lap swim hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Daily fees are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children over the age of 2 years and \$3 for Davis-Monthan guests. There is no fee for children under 2 years or for lap swim. For more information, call 228-3759.

**Marathon Prep-Series**  
The 2005 Desert Lightning Marathon Prep-Series will continue at the D-M Fitness and Sports Center through Nov. 6. The series is intended to help athletes prepare for upcoming Tucson and Phoenix marathons. Runs are designed to safely and gradually increase in distance. Dates and times are:  
◆ 10 mile: Sunday at 7 a.m.  
◆ 13 mile: Sept. 25 at 6:30 a.m.  
◆ 16 mile: Oct. 16 at 6:30 a.m.  
◆ 20 mile: Nov. 6 at 6:30 a.m.

On-site registrations will only be available for single-race events. Fees for single-race events are \$5. Participants may only enroll for single races. T-shirts and a certificate will be awarded registered

participants completing four races. For more information, call 228-0022.

**Bicycle training rides**  
Group bicycle training rides will take in Tucson starting Saturday. These rides will be great for getting in shape or preparing for El Tour de Tucson.  
◆ The starting location is Pavilion 1 at the Golf Links Sports Complex. To get to the start location, drive north on Craycroft Road from Golf Links Road and take the second left. Stay right in the parking lot to Pavilion 1.  
◆ Rides will take place Saturday, Sept. 17 and 24 at 6:30 a.m.  
◆ Riders should arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to sign in for the prize drawing.  
◆ Distances will vary between 20 and 40 miles in September, with shorter loops available.  
◆ Maps are provided on the morning of the ride.  
◆ Drawings for the door prize will be held prior to the beginning of each ride.  
For more information about group bicycle training rides, contact Steven Ammons at 940-2166.

**Hook Up 2 Bowling**  
The Davis-Monthan Lanes is taking sign ups for the new “Hook Up 2 Bowling” program. HU2B is a new player-development program that will make learning the game simpler, fun and affordable. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$69 for youth (18 and under) and includes eight hours instruction and on-the-lanes lessons and more. For more information call 228-3461.

**Fitness Center classes**  
The Haeffner Fitness Center offers yoga classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Yoga classes emphasize harmony of the body and mind.  
The center also offers spin classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 12:45 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. Spinning is a high-energy, indoor stationary cycling program.  
Pilates classes are offered Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. Pilates focus on the spine, breathing, core strength and flexibility.  
These fitness classes cost \$2. For more information call the Haeffner Fitness Center at 228-3714.





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Helping others

Volunteers from Davis-Mon-  
than sort food at the local  
food bank through a vol-  
unteer project coordinated  
through the D-M Chapel.  
The D-M crew loaded pallets  
of boxes of food for those in  
need in the community.

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed  
below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services;  
Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible stud-  
ies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Worship schedule

- Catholic**
- ◆ The First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass is followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.
  - ◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
  - ◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- Protestant**
- ◆ Traditional service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
  - ◆ Contemporary service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
  - ◆ Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

Catholic Education classes offered

Registration for weekly Catholic Religious Ed-  
ucation classes is held after all weekend Masses  
until Sept. 30. Classes begin Sunday.  
For more information, call Nancy Rambaran at  
228-4299.

Sunday School Spiritual Fitness

Sunday School Spiritual Fitness begins  
Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The classes are open to all  
ages.

Education Services

Study Skills class cancelled

The Study Skills Class scheduled for today  
has been cancelled. For more information, con-  
tact Phil King at 228-3812.

ACT testing cancelled

The ACT testing scheduled for Sept. 16 has  
been cancelled. For more information, contact  
Phil King at 228-3812.

Commission briefings Sept. 20 and 29

The upcoming Commissioning Briefings are  
scheduled for Sept. 20 at 10 a.m., Sept. 29 at 2  
p.m. and will cover Reserve Officer Training  
Corps and Medical Programs. For more informa-  
tion, contact Norma White at 228-4249, or Rafael  
Maldonado at 228-3484.

Academic testing cancelled

Due to lack of additional contractor fund-  
ing from Air Combat Command headquarters,  
Academic Testing scheduled for Sept. 20, 22, 27  
and 29 at 10 a.m. is cancelled. All other testing  
sessions will continue as scheduled. For more  
information, contact Phil King at 228-3812.

NAU advisor available Sept. 21

The Northern Arizona University representa-  
tive will be available only Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.  
to 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. Appoint-  
ments and walk-ins are welcome. For more  
information, contact Debra Castelan at 879-7932  
or e-mail at [Debra.Castelan@nau.edu](mailto:Debra.Castelan@nau.edu) .

Air War College

Air War College will not accept new enroll-  
ments in the Nonresident Studies Senior Leader  
Course after Oct. 1. Students in the current  
nonresident program must finish all require-  
ments by Oct. 1. A replacement program, the  
AWC Senior Leader Course, will be launched in  
January. It will emphasize the knowledge, skills  
and attributes required of all Air Force senior  
officers as they prepared for leadership positions  
with institutional responsibilities.

Fall Term II preparation

Individuals are encouraged to plan ahead for  
the Fall Term II by filling out applications, tak-  
ing assessment tests, and attending orientation.

Call 206-4866, or come by Building 3200 Room  
224 for more information.

Family Support Center

Time For Tots Wednesdays

The next Time for Tots are Wednesday and  
Sept. 21 at Desert Dove Chapel from 9:30 to  
10:30 a.m. Come and meet other parents while  
the children enjoy fun and activities. For more  
information call the Family Support Center at  
228-5690.

Sponsorship training

To help make a good first impression, sponsors  
can attend the Family Support Center Spon-  
sorship Class Sept. 21 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Fam-  
ily Support Center, Building 3210. This class is  
required for sponsors and covers effective spon-  
sorship and offers useful resources and informa-  
tion. For more information or to sign up, call  
228-5690.

Child care for Right Start

Child care for Right Start participants is free  
and available through the Permanent Change  
of Station Child care Program. Child care must  
be arranged ahead of time. The next Right Start  
Orientation is Tuesday. Call 288-5690 for more  
information.

Movies

Sept. 16

Sky High (PG) 4:30 p.m.  
AAFES Customer Appreciation  
Screening-Free admission

Sept. 16

Dukes of Hazard (PG-13)  
7 p.m.

Sept. 17

Greatest Game Ever Played (PG)  
7 p.m. Free Pre-View (Tickets  
available at AAFES Food Court)

Sept. 18

Must Love Dogs  
(PG-13) 2 p.m.

Regular admission is \$3 for adults  
and \$1.50 for children under 12  
and senior citizens. Call 228-5694  
for the theater movie recording.





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## ...and the beat goes on

Members of the 2005 Tops In Blue perform at a deployed location early in 2005. A free Tops in Blue performance will be held Sunday at the Tucson Convention Center. Performance starts at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for military identification card holders at 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the general public. Buses leave from the Community Center at 5:30 p.m. and will be a first-come-first seated basis.

## Information Tickets & Travel

For more information about tickets and programs through ITT, call 288-3700.

### Castles 'N Coasters

The last opportunity to sign up for this event is today and Saturday. Whether you're young or old, big or small, you'll find lots of fun, food and entertainment. The cost for the trip, Sept. 17, is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 to 16. Cost includes round trip transportation and an 'All Park Gold VIP Pass' to the park. This pass includes unlimited rides and miniature golf. Transportation departs the Outdoor Recreation Center at 9 a.m. and departs the park at 6 p.m. To register or form more information, visit Information Ticket and Tours in Building 4430 or call 228-3700.

## Officer & Enlisted Clubs

For more information about Services activities at The Mirage Officers' Club, call 228-3301, or activities at the Desert Oasis Enlisted club, call 228-3100.

### Hispanic Heritage Dinner

The Mirage Officers' Club will host an all ranks Hispanic Heritage Buffet Dinner tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children age 5 and under. Members receive a \$2 discount. The menu includes enchiladas, fajitas, Spanish rice, tacos and more. For more information, call The Mirage at 228-3301.

### Football Frenzy

Football fans can look forward to an exhilarating season of Monday Night Football games with prizes, games and discounted food and beverages at the Desert Oasis Club. Football Frenzy is an "all-ranks," members only activity. Lucky D-M fans are eligible to win one of three grand-prize trips for two to games throughout the season.

## Youth Center

For more information about all Youth Center programs and services, call 228-8844.

### Operation Night Hoops

The D-M Youth Center will host Operation Night Hoops Sept. 16 to Oct. 28. The program incorporates basketball skills and tournament play for teens ages 13 to 18. Each team is created by the teens and must have at least one adult coach. Life skills workshops are conducted before or after the games. Registration lasts until Sept. 15 and the cost is \$10 per player. For more information, contact Tony Lozano at 228-8365.

## Community Center

For more information about all programs at the Community Center, call 228-3100.

### The place to play

The Desert Lightning Community Center has dozens of table games, board games, 14 high-speed internet computers and more. The Play Station-2 game room and large home theater room provide state of the art equipment and a wide variety of games and DVDs to checkout. Stormy's Cafe provides a cool beverage or sandwich for lunch or snack.

## Arts & Crafts Center

For more information about all Arts and Craft Center activities and services, call 228-4385.

### Scrapbooking class

The Arts and Crafts Center is holding a scrapbooking class Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. This month's lesson is heat and dry embossing. Class cost is \$10 for new students and returning students received a \$2 discount. All supplies needed are included in instruction. Call 228-4385 for more information.

## Artists/Craftsman & Photography Contest

Entries for the D-M Artists/Craftsman & Photography Contest are due to the Arts and Crafts Center by Sept. 15. For more information, call 228-4385.

### Framing classes

Learn how to cut and join frames, size and cut mats and glass and assemble a finished piece in just two classes. The Arts and Crafts Center will hold classes Sept. 15 and 22 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 which includes all supplies. Call 228-4385 for more information.

## Child Development Center

For more information about all services at the Child Development Centers, call 228-4933 or 228-6463.

### CDC food program

D-M's CDC has announced sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge without regard to sex, race, color, age, handicap or national origin. For more information about the CDC's food program, call 228-2201.

### CDC openings

The D-M CDCs have openings for pre toddlers (ages 1 to 2), toddlers (ages 2 to 3) and preschools (ages 3 to 5). For more information on prices and to register a child, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact the point of contact listed or Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352, or online at [www.dmserviesonline.com](http://www.dmserviesonline.com).







